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**Legislative Decree No. (35) of 2002 amending some provisions of Legislative Decree No. (14) of 2002 regarding the Exercise of Political Rights**

We Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Having reviewed the Constitution;

And Legislative Decree No. (14) of 2002 regarding the Exercise of Political Rights;

Upon the submission of the Prime Minister;

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers;

**Hereby Decree the following Law:**

**Article One**

The texts of Articles Twenty One, Twenty Two and Twenty Eight of the Legislative Decree No. (14) of 2002 regarding the Exercise of Political Rights shall be replaced with the following texts:

**Article Twenty One:**

The referendum or election process shall run from eight o'clock in the morning to eight o'clock in the evening. However, if it is found that there are voters at the seat of the subcommittee who did not give their votes and wish to give them, the voting shall continue for them only. If all registered voters have cast their votes prior to the designated end time for the referendum or election, the President shall declare the end of the voting process after the last voter has cast their vote.

**Article Twenty Two:**

"Each voter shall present to the subcommittee, when casting his vote, proof of his identity by presenting a passport or any other approved official document.

It shall be noted in the passport that the voter has cast his vote.

**Article Twenty Eight:**

The President of the committee provided for in Article Seven of this law in each electoral region shall announce the result of the election of the members of the Council of Representatives in all electoral constituencies of his region and the number of votes obtained by each candidate in his constituency, after the arrival of all the minutes of the polling and sorting committees and the electoral papers from the various subcommittees in the region. A copy of this result shall be sent with all the minutes and electoral papers to the Supreme Committee provided for in Article Eighteen of this law, which shall undertake the final announcement of the general result of the election of the members of the Council of Representatives and notify the winners of membership.

Following the announcement of the result of the election, the Secretariat General of the Council of Representatives shall hand over a certificate of membership in the Council of Representatives to each of the winning members.

**Article Two**

The Prime Minister and the Ministers -each within his jurisdiction- shall implement this Law and it shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**King of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

**Prime Minister**

**Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

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